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SUBJECT: SAR INDIAN MERCHANT SHIP " SAUDI"

1. THE EMBASSY HAS SENT TO THE INDIAN MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ALL SIGNIFICANT MESSAGES ON THE EFFORTS TO RESCUE SURVIVORS OF THE SINKING OF THE INDIAN MERCHANT SHIP " SAUDI". WE IMMEDIATELY INFORMED THE MINISTRY OF THE SINKING AS SOON AS WE RECEIVED THE FIRST REPORT AND OUR INFORMATION WAS THE FIRST THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT HAD HEARD OF THE DISASTER. THE MEA APPRECIATED THE OFFER TO SEND THE MESSAGES TO THE INDIAN CHARGE' IN MOGADISCIO THROUGH USG CHANNELS, BUT HAS NOT TAKEN UP THE OFFER.

2. THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS HAS, FROM THE BEGINNING, EXPRESSED ITS WARM THANKS FOR US ASSISTANCE. THE ACTING FOREIGN SECRETARY IN A LETTER RECEIVED JUNE 28, EXPRESSED HIS WARM THANKS TO THE OFFICERS AND CREW OF THE USS JONAS INGRAM AND TO EMBASSY MOGADISCIO. THE JOINT SECRETARY WHO HAS BEEN COORDINATING ACTIONS BY OTHER GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRIES AND DEPARTMENTS RELATING TO THE SINKING SENT US A SEPARATE LETTER EXPRESSING THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT'S " GRATEFUL APPRECIATION TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CREW OF THE USS JONAS INGRAM, WHO HAVE

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PERFORMED A MAGNIFICENT JOB WITH HUMANENESS, PROMPTITUDE,
INITIATIVE, AND IMAGINATION."

3. THE EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO ADD ITS OWN THANKS FOR THE EXTREMELY
COMPETENT AND EXPEDITIOUS WAY IN WHICH THE US NAVY RENDERED
ASSISTANCE TO THE " SAUDI" AND KEPT US INFORMED OF PROGRESS.
IT REMINDS US ONCE AGAIN OF THE HIGH LEVEL OF DEDICATION AND
SERVICE IN PEACE AS WELL AS WAR WHICH WE HAVE COME TO EXPECT
FROM THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE US NAVY AND WHICH REPRESENTS
ITS FINEST TRADITIONS. THE PROMPT REPORTING ON THE INCIDENT
FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY MOGADISCIO IS ALSO VERY MUCH
APPRECIATED.

4. EFFORTS TO RESCUE SURVIVORS OF THE " SAUDI" HAVE BEEN PROMI-
NENTLY REPORTED IN THE INDIA PRESS AND THE USS JONAS INGRAM
HAS BEEN CITED FOR ITS PART IN THEM. SCHNEIDER

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